# Some homological properties of an amalgamated duplication of a ring along an ideal

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**Abstract.** In this work, we investigate the transfer of some homological properties from a ring R to his amalgameted duplication along some ideal I of R, and then generate new and original families of rings with these properties.

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# 1 Introduction

Let R be a commutative ring with unit element 1 and let I be a proper ideal of R. The amalgamated duplication of a ring R along an ideal I is a ring that is defined as the following subring with unit element (1,1) of  $R \times R$ :

$$R \bowtie I = \{(r, r+i) \mid r \in R, i \in I\}$$

This construction has been studied, in the general case, and from the different point of view of pullbacks, by M D'Anna and M Fontana [3]. Also, M. D'Anna and M.

Fontana, in [2], have considered the case of the amalgamated duplication of a ring ,in not necessarily Noetherian setting, along a multiplicative -canonical ideal in the sense Heinzer-Huckaba-Papick [10]. In [1], M. D'Anna has studied some properties of  $R \bowtie I$ , in order to construct reduced Gorenstein rings assosiated to Cohen-Macaulay rings and has applied this construction to curve singularities. On the other hand, H.R Maimani and S Yassemi, in [15], have studied the diameter and girth of the zero- divisor of the ring  $R \bowtie I$ . For instance, see [1, 2, 3, 15].

Let M be an R-module, the idealization  $R \propto M$  (also called the trivial extention), introduced by Nagata in 1956 (cf [16]) is defined as the R-module  $R \oplus M$  with multiplication defined by (r, m)(s, n) = (rs, rn + sm). For instance, see [8, 9, 11, 12].

When  $I^2 = 0$ , the new construction  $R \bowtie I$  coincides with the idealization  $R \propto I$ . One main difference of this construction, with respect to idealization is that the ring  $R \bowtie I$  can be a reduced ring (and, in fact, it is always reduced if R is a domain).

For two rings  $A \subset B$ , we say that A is a module retract (or a subring retract) of B if there exists an A-module homomorphism  $\varphi : B \to A$  such that  $\varphi \mid_A = id \mid_A$ .  $\varphi$  is called a module retraction map. If such a map  $\varphi$  exists, B contains A as an A-module direct summand. We can easily show that B is a module retract of  $B \bowtie I$ , where the module retraction map  $\varphi$  is defined by  $\varphi(r, r + i) = r$ .

In this paper, we study the transfer of some homological properties from a ring R to a ring  $R \bowtie I$ . Specially, in section 2, we prove that  $R \bowtie I$  is a Von Neumann regular ring (resp., a perfect ring) if and only if so is R. Also, we prove that  $gldim(R\bowtie I)=\infty$  if R is a domain and I is a principal ideal of R. In section 3, we study the coherence of  $R\bowtie I$ . More precisely, we prove that if R is a coherent ring and I is a finitely generated ideal of R, then  $R\bowtie I$  is coherent. And if I contains a regular element, we prove the converse.

Recall that if R is a ring and M is an R-module, as usual we use  $\operatorname{pd}_R(M)$  and  $\operatorname{fd}_R(M)$  to denote the usual projective and flat dimensions of M, respectively. The classical global and weak dimension of R are respectively denoted by  $\operatorname{glim}(R)$  and  $\operatorname{wdim}(R)$ . Also, the Krull dimension of R is denoted by  $\operatorname{dim}(R)$ .

# Transfer of some homological properties from a ring R to a ring $R \bowtie I$

Let R be a commutative ring with identity element 1 and let I be an ideal of R. We define  $R \bowtie I = \{(r,s)/r, s \in R, s-r \in I\}$ . It is easy to check that  $R \bowtie I$  is a subring with unit element (1,1), of  $R \times R$  (with the usual componentwise operations) and that  $R \bowtie I = \{(r,r+i)/r \in R, i \in I\}$ .

It is easy to see that, if  $\pi_i(i=1,2)$  are the projections of  $R\times R$  on R, then

 $\pi_i(R \bowtie I) = R$  and hence if  $O_i = ker(\pi_i \backslash R \bowtie I)$ . Then  $R \bowtie I/O_i \cong R$ . Moreover  $O_1 = \{(0,i), i \in I\}, O_2 = \{(i,0), i \in I\}$  and  $O_1 \cap O_2 = (0)$ .

We begin by studying the transfer of Von Neumann regular property.

**Theorem 2.1** Let R be a commutative ring and let I be a proper ideal of R. Then R is a Von Neumann regular ring if and only if  $R \bowtie I$  is a Von Neumann regular ring.

The proof will use the following Lemma.

### **Lemma 2.2** [3, Theorem 3.5]

1. Let R be a commutative ring and let I be an ideal of R. Let P be a prime ideal of R and set:

$$P_{0} = \{(p, p+i)/p \in P, i \in I \cap P\}$$

$$P_{1} = \{(p, p+i)/p \in P, i \in I\}$$
and 
$$P_{2} = \{(p+i, p)/p \in P, i \in I\}$$

- If  $I \subseteq P$ , then  $P_0 = P_1 = P_2$  is a prime ideal of  $R \bowtie I$  and it is the unique prime ideal of  $R \bowtie I$  lying over P.
- If  $I \nsubseteq P$ , then  $P_1 \neq P_2$ ,  $P_1 \cap P_2 = P_0$  and  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are the only prime ideals of  $R \bowtie I$  lying over P.
- 2. Let Q be a prime ideal of  $R \bowtie I$  and let  $O_1 = \{(0,i)/i \in I\}$ . Two cases are possible: either  $Q \not\supseteq O_1$  or  $Q \supseteq O_1$ .
  - **a-** If  $Q \not\supseteq O_1$ , then there exists a unique prime ideal P of R  $(I \not\subseteq P)$ such that

$$Q = P_2 = \{(p+i, p)/p \in P, i \in I\}$$

**b-** If  $Q \supseteq O_1$ , then there exists a unique prime ideal P of R such that

$$Q = P_1 = \{(p, p+i)/p \in P, i \in I\}$$

**Proof of Theorem 2.1.** Assume that R is a Von Neumann regular ring. Then R is reduced and so  $R \bowtie I$  is reduced by [3, Theorem 3.5 (a)(vi)]. It remains to show that  $dim(R \bowtie I) = 0$  by [9, Remark, p. 5].

Let Q be a prime ideal of  $R \bowtie I$ . If  $P = Q \cap R$ , then necessarily  $Q \in \{P_1, P_2\}$  (by Lemma 2.2(2)). But P is a maximal ideal of R since R is a Von Neumann regular

ring. Then  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are maximal ideals of  $R \bowtie I$  (by [3, Theorem 3.5 (a)(vi)]). Hence, Q is a maximal ideal of  $R \bowtie I$ , as desired.

Conversely, assume that  $R \bowtie I$  is a Von Neumann regular ring. By [3, Theorem 3.5 (a)(vi)], R is reduced. Let P be a prime ideal of R. By Lemma 2.2(1),  $P\bowtie I=\{(p,p+i)/p\in P,i\in I\}$  is a prime ideal of  $R\bowtie I$ . From [9, page 7] we get  $P\bowtie I$  is a maximal ideal of  $R\bowtie I$  and hence P is a maximal ideal of R. Therefore, dim(R)=0 and so R is a Von Neumann regular ring .

**Corollary 2.3** Let R be a commutative ring and let I be a proper ideal of R. Then R is a semisimple ring if and only if  $R \bowtie I$  is a semisimple ring.

**Proof.** Assume that R be a semisimple ring. Then R is a Noetherian Von Neumann regular ring. By Theorem 2.1,  $R \bowtie I$  is a Von Neumann regular ring and by [3, Corollary 3-3],  $R \bowtie I$  is Noetherian. Therefore  $R \bowtie I$  is semisimple.

Conversely, assume that  $R \bowtie I$  is semisimple. Then  $R \bowtie I$  is a Noetherian Von Neumann regular ring and so R is a Von Neumann regular ring (by Theorem 2.1) and Noetherian (by [3, Corollary 3-3]). Hence, R is semisimple.

A ring R is called a stably coherent ring if for every positive integer n, the polynomial ring in n variables over R is a coherent ring. Recall that a ring R is is called a coherent ring if every finitely generated ideal of R is finitely presented.

**Corollary 2.4** Let R be a commutative ring and let I be a proper ideal of R. If R is a Von Neumann regular ring, then  $R \bowtie I$  is a stably coherent ring.

**Proof.** By Theorem 2.1 and [8, Theorem 7.3.1]

Now, we are able to construct a new class of non-Noetherian Von Neumann regular rings.

**Example 2.5** Let R be a non-Noetherian Von Neumann regular ring, and let I be a proper ideal of R. Then,  $R \bowtie I$  is a non-Noetherian Von Neumann regular ring, by [3, Corollary 3-3] and Theorem 2.1.

We recall that a ring R is called a perfect ring if every flat R-module is a projective R-module (see [4]). Secondly, we study the transfer of perfect property.

**Theorem 2.6** Let R be a commutative ring and let I be a proper ideal of R. Then R is a perfect ring if and only if  $R \bowtie I$  is a perfect ring.

Before proving this Theorem , we need the following Lemmas .

**Lemma 2.7** ([13, Lemma 2.5.(2)]) Let  $(R_i)_{i=1,2}$  be a family of rings and  $E_i$  be an  $R_i$ -module for i = 1, 2. Then  $\mathrm{pd}_{R_1 \times R_2}(E_1 \times E_2) = \sup\{\mathrm{pd}_{R_1}(E_1), \mathrm{pd}_{R_2}(E_2)\}.$ 

**Lemma 2.8** Let  $(R_i)_{i=1,2}$  be a family of rings and  $E_i$  be an  $R_i$ -module for i=1,2. Then  $\operatorname{fd}_{R_1 \times R_2}(E_1 \times E_2) = \sup\{\operatorname{fd}_{R_1}(E_1), \operatorname{fd}_{R_2}(E_2)\}.$ 

**Proof.** The proof is analogous to the proof of Lemma 2.7.

**Lemma 2.9** Let  $(R_i)_{i=1,...,m}$  be a family of rings. Then  $\prod_{i=1}^m R_i$  is a perfect ring if and only if  $R_i$  is a perfect ring for each i=1,...,m.

**Proof.** The proof is done by induction on m and it suffices to check it for m = 2. Let  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be two rings such that  $R_1 \times R_2$  is perfect. Let  $E_1$  be a flat  $R_1$ -module and let  $E_2$  be a flat  $R_2$ -module. By Lemma 2.8,  $E_1 \times E_2$  is a flat  $R_1 \times R_2$  module and so it is a projective  $R_1 \times R_2$  module since  $R_1 \times R_2$  is a perfect ring. Hence,  $E_1$  is a projective  $R_1$ -module and  $E_2$  is a projective  $R_2$ -module by Lemma 2.7; that means that  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are perfect rings.

Conversely, assume that  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are two perfect rings. Let  $E_1 \times E_2$  be a flat  $R_1 \times R_2$ -module where  $E_i$  is an  $R_i$ -module for each i = 1, 2. By Lemma 2.8,  $E_1$  is a flat  $R_1$ -module and let  $E_2$  is a flat  $R_2$ -module; so  $E_1$  is a projective  $R_1$ -module and  $E_2$  is a projective  $R_2$ -module. Therefore  $E_1 \times E_2$  is a projective  $R_1 \times R_2$  by Lemma 2.7, this means that  $R_1 \times R_2$  is a perfect rings.

**Lemma 2.10** Let R be a commutative ring and let I be a proper ideal of R. Then:

- 1. An  $(R \bowtie I)$  module M is projective if and only if  $M \otimes_{R\bowtie I} (R \times R)$  is a projective  $(R \times R)$  module and  $M/O_1M$  is a projective R- module.
- 2. An  $(R \bowtie I)$ -module M is flat if and only if  $M \otimes_{R\bowtie I} (R \times R)$  is a flat  $(R \times R)$ -module and  $M/O_1M$  is a flat R-module.

**Proof.** Note that  $R \bowtie I$  is a subring of  $R \times R$  and  $O_1$  is a common ideal of  $R \bowtie I$  and  $R \times R$  by [3, proposition 3-1]. The result follows from [8, theorem 5-1-1].

**Proof of Theorem** 2.7 Assume that R is a perfect ring and let M be a flat  $(R \bowtie I)$ -module. By Lemma 2.10(2),  $M \otimes_{R\bowtie I} (R \times R)$  is a flat  $(R \times R)$ -module and  $M/O_1M$  is a flat R- module. Then  $M \otimes_{R\bowtie I} R \times R$  is a projective  $R \times R$ - module (since  $R \times R$  is perfect by Lemma 2.9), and  $M/O_1M$  is a projective R-module since R is perfect. By Lemma 2.10(1), M is a projective  $(R \bowtie I)$ -module and so  $R \bowtie I$  is a perfect ring.

Conversely, assume that  $R \bowtie I$  is a perfect ring and let E be a flat R- module. Then  $E \otimes_R (R \bowtie I)$  is a flat  $(R \bowtie I)$ -module and so it is a projective  $(R \bowtie I)$ -module since  $R \bowtie I$  is a perfect ring. In addition, for any R- module M and any  $n \ge 1$  we have:

$$Ext_R^n(E, M \otimes_R R \bowtie I) \cong Ext_R^n(E \otimes_R R \bowtie I, M \otimes_R R \bowtie I)$$

(see [6, page 118]) and then  $Ext_R^n(E, M \otimes_R R \bowtie I) = 0$ . As we note that M is a direct summand of  $M \otimes_R R \bowtie I$  since R is a module retract of  $R \bowtie I$ ,  $Ext_R^n(E, M) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 1$  and all R- module M. This means that E is a projective R- module and so R is a perfect ring.

We say that a ring R is Steinitz if any linearly independent subset of a free Rmodule F can be extended to a basis of F by adjoining element of a given basis. In
[7, proposition 5.4], Cox and Pendleton showed that Steinitz rings are precisely the
perfect local rings.

By the above Theorem and since  $R \bowtie I$  is local if and only if R is local, we obtain:

**Corollary 2.11** Let R be a commutative ring and let I be a proper ideal of R. Then R is a Steinitz ring if and only if  $R \bowtie I$  is a Steinitz ring.

**Example 2.12** Let  $R = K[X]/(X^2)$  where K is a field and X an indetrminate. Then  $(K[X]/(X^2)) \bowtie (\overline{X})$  is a Steinitz ring.

For a nonnegative integer n, an R-module E is n-presented if there is an exact sequence  $F_n \to F_{n-1} \to \dots \to F_0 \to E \to 0$  in which each  $F_i$  is a finitely generated free R-module. In particular, "0-presented" means finitely generated and "1-presented" means finitely presented.

Given nonnegative integers n and d, a ring R is called an (n, d)-ring if every n-presented R-module has projective dimension  $\leq d$ ; and R is called a weak (n, d)-ring if every n-presented cyclic R-module has projective dimension  $\leq d$  (equivalently, if every (n-1)-presented ideal of R has projective dimension  $\leq d-1$ ). For instance, the (0,1)-domains are the Dedekind domains, the (1,1)-domains are the Prüfer domains, and the (1,0)-rings are the von Neumann regular rings. See for instance ([5], [11], [12], [13], [14]).

Now, we give a wide class of rings which are not a weak (n, d)-ring (and so not an (n, d)-ring) for each positive integers n and d.

**Theorem 2.13** Let R be an integral domain and let  $I(\neq 0)$  be a principal ideal of R. Then R is not a weak (n,d)-ring (and so not an (n,d)-ring) for each positive integers n and d. In particular,  $wdim(R \bowtie I) = gldim(R \bowtie I) = \infty$ .

Before proving this Theorem, we need the following Lemma.

**Lemma 2.14** Let R be a commutative ring and let  $I(\neq 0)$  be a principal ideal of R, then  $O_1 = \{(0,i), i \in I\}$  and  $O_2 = \{(i,0), i \in I\}$  are principal ideals of  $R \bowtie I$ .

**Proof.** Let (0,i) be an element of  $O_1$ . Since I is a principal ideal of R, then there exists  $a \in I$  such that I = Ra and so (0,i) = (0,ra) = (r+j,r)(0,a) for some  $r \in R$  and for all  $j \in I$ . Hence,  $O_1$  is a principal ideal of  $R \bowtie I$  generated by (0,a). Also,  $O_2$  is a principal ideal generated by (a,0) by the same argument, as desired.

**Proof of Theorem** 2.13. Let  $a \in I$  such that I = Ra. By lemma 2.14,  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  are principal ideals of  $R \bowtie I$ . Consider the short exact sequence of  $R \bowtie I$ -modules:

$$(1) 0 \to ker(u) \to R \bowtie I \xrightarrow{u} O_1 \to 0$$

where u(r, r+i) = (r, r+i)(0, a) = (0, (r+i)a). Then,  $ker(u) = \{(r, 0) \in R \bowtie I/r \in I\} = O_2$ . Consider the short exact sequence of  $R \bowtie I$ -modules:

$$(2) \qquad 0 \to ker(v) \to R \bowtie I \xrightarrow{v} O_2 \to 0$$

where v(r, r+i) = (r, r+i)(a, 0) = (ra, 0). Then,  $ker(v) = \{(0, i) \in R \bowtie I/i \in I\} = O_1$ . Therefore,  $O_1$  (resp.,  $O_2$ ) is m-presented for each positive integer m by the above two exact sequences. It remains to show that  $pd_{R\bowtie I}(O_1) = \infty$  (or  $pd_{R\bowtie I}(O_2) = \infty$ ).

We claim that  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  are not projective. Deny. Then  $O_1$  is projective and so the short exact sequence (1) splits. Then  $O_2$  is generated by an idempotent element (x,0), such that  $x(\neq 0) \in I$ . Hence,  $(x,0)^2 = (x,0)(x,0) = (x^2,0) = (x,0)$ , then  $x^2 = x$ , and so x = 1 or x = 0, a contradiction (since  $x \in I$  and  $x \neq 0$ ). Therefore,  $O_1$  is not projective. Similar arguments show that  $O_2$  is not projective. A combination of (1) and (2) yields  $pd_{R\bowtie I}(O_1) = pd_{R\bowtie I}(O_2) + 1$  and  $pd_{R\bowtie I}(O_2) = pd_{R\bowtie I}(O_1) + 1$  then,  $pd_{R\bowtie I}(O_1) = pd_{R\bowtie I}(O_2) + 1 + 1 = pd_{R\bowtie I}(O_1) + 2$ . Consequently, the projective dimension of  $O_1$  (resp.,  $O_1$ ) has to be infinite, as desired.

If R is a principal domain, we obtain:

**Corollary 2.15** Let R be a principal domain and let I be a proper ideal of R. Then R is not a weak (n,d)-ring (and so not an (n,d)-ring) for each positive integers n and d. In particular,  $wdim(R \bowtie I) = gldim(R \bowtie I) = \infty$ .

# 3 The coherence of $R \bowtie I$

An R- module M is called a coherent R module, if it is a finitely generated and every finitely generated submodule of M is finitely presented.

A ring R is called a coherent ring if it is a coherent module over itself, that is, if every finitely generated ideal of R is finitely presented, equivalently, if (0:a) and  $I \cap J$  are finitely generated for every  $a \in R$  and any two finitely generated ideals I and J of R (by [8, Theorem 2.2.3]). Examples of coherent rings are Noetherian rings, Boolean algebras, Von Neumann regular rings, valuation rings, and Prüfer/semihereditary rings. See for instance [[8]].

**Theorem 3.1** Let R be a commutative ring and let I be a proper ideal of R. Then:

- 1. If  $R \bowtie I$  is coherent, then R is coherent.
- 2. If R is a coherent ring and I is a finitely generated ideal of R, then  $R \bowtie I$  is coherent.
- 3. Assume that I contains a regular element. Then  $R \bowtie I$  is a coherent ring if and only if R is a coherent ring and I is a finitely generated ideal of R.

We need the following Lemma before proving this Theorem.

**Lemma 3.2** ([8, Theorem 2.4.1]). Let R be a commutative ring and let I be a proper ideal of R, then:

- 1. If R is a coherent ring and I is a finitely generated ideal of R, then R/I is a coherent ring.
- 2. If R/I is a coherent ring and I is a coherent R module, then R is a coherent ring.

### Proof of Theorem 3.1.

1. Let  $L = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Ra_i$  be a finitely generated ideal of R, and set  $J := \sum_{i=1}^{n} (R \bowtie I)(a_i, a_i)$ . Consider the exact sequence of  $R \bowtie I$  -modules:

$$0 \to ker(u) \to (R \bowtie I)^n \stackrel{u}{\to} J \to 0$$

where  $u(r_i, r_i + e_i)_{1 \le i \le n} = \sum_{i=1}^n (r_i, r_i + e_i)(a_i, a_i) = (\sum_{i=1}^n a_i r_i, \sum_{i=1}^n a_i r_i + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i e_i)$ . Thus  $ker(u) = \{(r_i, r_i + e_i)_{1 \le i \le n} \in (R \bowtie I)^n / \sum_{i=1}^n r_i a_i = 0, \sum_{i=1}^n e_i a_i = 0\}$ . On other hand, consider the exact sequence of *R*-modules:

$$0 \to ker(v) \to R^n \xrightarrow{v} L \to 0$$

where  $v(b_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i a_i$ . Hence,  $ker(u) = \{(r_i, r_i + e_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n} \in (R \bowtie I)^n / r_i \in ker(v); e_i \in I^n \cap ker(v)\}$ . But J is a finitely presented since it is finitely generated and  $R \bowtie I$  is coherent. Hence, ker(u) is a finitely generated  $(R \bowtie I)$ -module and so ker(v) is a finitely generated R-module. Therefore, L is a finitely presented ideal of R and so R is coherent.

- 2. Since I is a finitely generated ideal of R, then  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  are a finitely generated ideals of  $R \bowtie I$ . Hence,  $R \bowtie I$  is a coherent ring by Lemma 3.2 since R is a coherent ring and  $R \bowtie I/O_i \cong R$ , as desired.
- 3. Assume that  $R \bowtie I$  is a coherent ring. Then R is a coherent ring by 1). Now, we prove that I is a finitely generated ideal of R. Let m be a non zero element of I and set  $c = (m, 0) \in R \bowtie I$ . Then:

$$(0:c) = \{(r,r+i) \in R \bowtie I/(r,r+i)(m,0) = 0\}$$

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$$= \{(r,r+i) \in R \bowtie I/r = 0\}$$

$$= \{(0,i) \in R \bowtie I/i \in I\}$$

$$= O_1.$$

Since  $R \bowtie I$  is a coherent ring, then (0:c) is a finitely generated ideal of  $R \bowtie I$  and so  $O_1$  is a finitely generated ideal of  $R \bowtie I$ . This means that I is a finitely generated ideal of R.

Conversely if R is a coherent ring and I is a finitely generated ideal of R, then  $R \bowtie I$  is a coherent ring by Lemma 3.2(2) and this completes the proof of Theorem 3.1.

If R is an integral domain, we obtain:

**Corollary 3.3** Let R be an integral domain and let I be a proper ideal of R. Then  $R \bowtie I$  is a coherent ring if and only if R is a coherent ring and I is a finitely generated ideal of R.

In general,  $R \bowtie I$  is a coherent ring doesn't imply that I is a finitely generated of R as the following example shows:

**Example 3.4** Let R be a non-Noetherian Von Neumann regular ring and let I be a non-finitely generated ideal of R (see for example [5]). Then  $R \bowtie I$  is a coherent ring but I is not a finitely generated.

Now, we are able to construct a new class of non-Noetherian rings.

**Example 3.5** Let R be a non-Noetherian coherent ring and let I be a finitely generated ideal of R. Then:

- 1.  $R \bowtie I$  is a coherent ring by Theorem 3.1(2).
- 2.  $R \bowtie I$  is non-Noetherian by [3, Corollary 3.3] since R is non-Noetherian.

We recall that an R- module M is called a uniformly coherent R module, if M is a finitely generated R module and there is a map  $\phi : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$ , where  $\mathbb{N}$  denotes the natural numbers, such that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and any nonzero homomorphism  $f: R^n \to M$ , ker(f) can be generated by  $\phi(n)$  elements.

A ring R is called an uniformly coherent ring if R is uniformly coherent as a module over itself.

Recall that an uniformly coherent is a coherent ring (by [8, Theorem 6.1.1]). Also, there exists Noetherian rings which are not uniformly coherent (see [8, p. 191]). See for instance [8, Chapter 6].

**Theorem 3.6** Let R be a Noetherian ring and let I be a nilpotent ideal of R. Then R is an uniformly coherent ring if and only if  $R \bowtie I$  is an uniformly coherent ring.

We need the following Lemma before proving this Theorem.

**Lemma 3.7** Let R be a commutative ring and let I be a finitely generated ideal of R. If  $R \bowtie I$  is an uniformly coherent ring then so is R.

**Proof.** The ideal  $O_1 := \{(0, i), i \in I\}$  is a finitely generated ideal of  $R \bowtie I$  since I is a finitely generated ideal of R. Hence,  $R := \cong R \bowtie I/O_1$  is an uniformly coherent ring by [8, Corollary6-1-6], as desired.

### Proof of Theorem 3.6.

If  $R \bowtie I$  is an uniformly coherent ring, then so is R by Lemma 3.7 since R is Noetherian. Conversely, assume that R is an uniformly coherent ring. Let  $\varphi: R \bowtie I \to (R \bowtie I)/O_1$  be a ring epimorphism. Since  $R \bowtie I$  is Noetherian (since R is Noetherian), then  $(R \bowtie I)/O_1$  is a finitely presented  $R \bowtie I$  module. On other hand,  $O_1$  is nilpotent (since I is nilpotent), and  $(R \bowtie I)/O_1(:\cong R)$  is uniformly coherent. Hence,  $R \bowtie I$  is an uniformly coherent ring by [8, theorem 6-1-8].

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